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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CURRY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the FIFTEENTH day of AUGUST, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1933.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, July 22, 1933. 1522

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the first to the fifteenth day of August next (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, July 22, 1933. 1521

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, COSSA ROAD, on MONDAY, the 24th AUGUST, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st June, 1933.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 30, 1933. 1536

HUMPHREYS, ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of AUGUST, 1933, at Noon, when the Subjoined Resolutions will be proposed, viz:

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 (divided into 100,000 shares of \$10 each) to \$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000 new shares of \$10 each to be offered and if accepted to be allotted to the present shareholders of the Company in proportion to the ratio and proportion of one new share for every two old shares in the Company held by the respective shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such new shares respectively to be paid at such time or times and in such manner as the Company by its General Managers may hereafter determine.

2. That Article No. 82 of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled and the following Article substituted therefor:

"The remuneration of the General Managers shall be \$4,000 per annum (which shall cover office rent but not salaries of Secretary and other employees) and a commission of 5 per cent. of the net profits of the Company for each year, but such profits amount to 7 per cent. of the Capital of the Company."

Should the above Resolutions be duly passed they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 24th day of July, 1933.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

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HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

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10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

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Hongkong, January 31, 1933. 210

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Hongkong June 10, 1933. 1223

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General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, August 8.

Goods per *Bombay* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

9 p.m.—Boxing Competition, City Hall.

SUNDAY, August 9.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.

THURSDAY, August 20.

Transfer Books of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., from this date to the 24th August inclusive.

MOSDAY, August 24.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

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DEATHS.

On the 31st July, at 10, Onian Road, Hongkong, Shanghai, the wife of the Rev. J. W. CHINE, of a Daughter.

On the 24th July, the wife of the Reverend E. THOMSON, C. M. S., Taichow, of a Daughter (Olive Marjory).

MARRIAGE.

At the Presbyterian Church, Penang, on 25th July, by the Rev. Stephen Walker, M.A., William Gordon, Gedong Estate, Bagan Serai, to Jessie, daughter of the late James Wood, both of Aberdeen.

DEATHS.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, WALTER PAULINI, aged 25 years.

On July 26, at No. 6 Craig Road, Singapore, the beloved mother of Mr. FRET FWE GIER, &c.; aged 74 years.

At Brisbane, W. Australia, on 25th July, JAMES RONALD, late Chief Engineer, O.S.S. Co.'s s.s. *Sulima*.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1903.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

We have seen some correspondence that has passed between the East-Asian Cable Company and the East-Asian Cable Company.

GENERAL.

Great Northern Telegraph Companies and their clients with reference to the credit business of the Telegraph Companies.

In ordinary course, we would deem it impertinence to meddle in any business arrangement between a public company and its customers, but having regard to the monopoly held by the Telegraph Companies it seems to us that we are quite justified in referring to a matter that so seriously affects the business community of the Colony. Hitherto, the larger business houses have been allowed to conduct their monthly telegraphic business with the Joint Companies upon a deposit account with one of the local banks. By this arrangement, the houses were at liberty to despatch telegrams on the basis of a monthly settlement, and we believe the arrangement has worked to the convenience of all concerned. It has pleased the Telegraph Companies to abandon the joint management of their business by one manager at Hongkong and Shanghai, and they have also notified the local business houses that, from the 1st July, if they wish to avail themselves of the proposed new Deposit and Account system, they must hand over to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China a cheque for the amount of their fixed deposit. So far, there is not much to take exception to, unless it be that the sum must be paid to a specified bank; but the Companies now claim the interest on the deposit to reimburse them for the credit they give and the trouble of book-keeping. Against this, the business houses are up in arms, and it seems to us rightly so. The management of the Telegraph Companies are well aware of the standing of most of the business houses in the Colony, and might well forego any deposit whatever; but since they claim to have a deposit it is ludicrously absurd that they should now claim the interest to pay for their book-keeping. Of course, the customers of the Telegraph Companies might conduct their business on a cash basis, and provided the Companies issued printed forms of their tariffs no great waste of time would be involved; but surely, such Corporations like the monopolistic Telegraph Companies are straining at the gnat when they seek at this time of day to impose their new conditions upon local banking, shipping and commercial houses which must contribute thousands of pounds per annum to the profits of the Telegraph Companies. There are other considerations that might be urged from the point of view of the business firms, but as the matter will probably be taken up by the Chambers of Commerce here and in Shanghai it may be left to them to carry on the agitation against the new conditions, which, as far as we can see, are only irritating to business men without bringing the Telegraph Companies any greater security.

The County Cricket Championship.

The following table shows the position of the English counties down to 23rd July:

County	Runs	Wickets	Runs per Wicket
Middlesex	419	14	29.93
Sussex	329	14	23.50
Essex	289	14	20.64
Gloucestershire	279	14	19.93
Warwickshire	269	14	19.21
Worcestershire	259	14	18.50
Surrey	249	14	17.79
Nottinghamshire	239	14	17.07
Derbyshire	229	14	16.36
Leicestershire	219	14	15.64
Yorkshire	209	14	14.93
Northamptonshire	199	14	14.21
Lincolnshire	189	14	13.50
Hampshire	179	14	12.79
Devonshire	169	14	12.07
Gloucestershire	159	14	11.36

Figures in brackets represent position last year.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

H.M.S. *Albatross* arrived yesterday, from Weihaiwei.

An appeal is being made for funds for a soldiers' institute in Calcutta.

The English Mail of the 11th July was delivered in London on the 3rd August.

It is reported that the celebrated reformer Liang Chi-chun has been arrested in Peking.

Lord Kitchener leaves Simla about the middle of this month on tour in Kashmir and Gilgit.

The Earl of Dunraven has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Constitutional Club.

The new Chih Chen Bank, with a capital of Tls. 800,000, has been opened in Tientsin native city.

The death is recorded at Abbottabad, from cholera, of Lieutenant-Colonel Brown, 22nd Madras Infantry.

An immense amount of property was destroyed at a big fire in the Tachia Hating, Peking, on the 20th ult.

The roof of the new Court House at the British Consulate-General, Tientsin, has fallen in. *Rent collection*, &c.

A Simla telegram states that Lieutenant-Colonel Gore has vacated the command of the 5th Dragoon Guards.

Lieutenant J. C. A. Crawford is appointed to H.M.S. *Taurus*, additional, for torpedo duties at Hongkong (to date July 4).A Tokio dispatch to the *Osaka Asahi* says that the British fleet in these waters is to be brought up to an equality with the Russian.

It is expected that Mr. Wynne, the General Manager of the C. E. and M. Co., will return to his former post in India this autumn.

The Government of India is indenting for more Royal Engineer officers for India from Home to complete the Indian Establishment to full strength.

The Natal Line steamer *Uwuma*, which ran on a reef off the Sandiva Atoll in the Maldives group over two months ago, has been abandoned as a total loss.

The Municipal Commissioners of Calcutta have appointed Mr. W. B. McCabe, formerly of the Dublin Corporation, Engineer to the Calcutta Corporation.

The U.S. cruiser *Raleigh* having developed boiler and steering difficulties spent five weeks in Aden while repairs were carried out. Further repairs are to be made at Colombo, where she arrived on the 29th ult.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is said to be on the point of concluding contracts for two steamers to be built at the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard, Nagasaki; one of 5,000 tons, for the Bombay line, and the other 6,200 tons, for the Seattle line.

The *Japan Gazette* of the 15th July says:—The electric time ball at the Yokohama Customs batch to-day dropped about five minutes behind time. The reason is said to be that the sun must have made a mistake. Certainly it was not the fault of the Meteorological Department.From a recent issue of the *China Times* we learn that the Manchurian and Siberian railways are to be opened this month for direct goods traffic between Dalny and European Russia, and the railway round the southern end of Lake Baikal is to be opened to traffic next year.

Rounds to the extent of yen 95,000 stolen from the Japanese Treasury Department have found their way into five banks and one company as security for loans, while owing to the ragiveness of the information published by the Treasury, bonds to the extent of nearly yen 2,000,000 are tainted with suspicion.

Mr. Joseph Gillott, principal of the firm of Joseph Gillott and Sons, penmakers, of Grafton-street, Birmingham, died on the 3rd ult. at his residence, Berry Hall, Solihull, in his seventy-sixth year. He was the last surviving son of Mr. Joseph Gillott, who introduced the manufacture of steel pens into Birmingham. Mr. Gillott, senior, came to Birmingham from Sheffield in 1822, and, having failed in a restaurant business, obtained employment as a bookbinder, afterwards starting as a penmaker. He died worth a million sterling.

Best Treatment.

INFLUENZA is always more or less prevalent at this season of the year. This disease is very similar to a severe cold and if allowed to take its course is liable to cause serious results. The best treatment for influenza is to avoid exposure and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This medicine gives immediate relief and if used as directed, will ward off all dangerous consequences. It leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr C. Denby, Jr., has been invited to join the British Municipal Council at Tientsin.

Lord Roberts.

Lord Roberts had the freedom of Birmingham presented to him on the 18th ult. Mr Chamberlain in a speech highly eulogised his services to the country.

'Times' Correspondent Released.

A telegram from Tangier says that the prisoners whose release was demanded in return for that of Mr. Harris, *Times* correspondent, were handed over to the Moroccan brigades, in exchange for Mr. Harris, on the 5th ult., in the presence of the staff of the British Legation. Mr. Harris is now at liberty.

Philharmonic.

The Philharmonic Society is to be revived if possible. Sir William Goodmann, Chief Justice, is interesting himself in the matter, and a meeting is to be held at the City Hall on Monday next at 5 p.m. to consider the question. Mr. George Grimble will act as conductor should the society be reconstituted. An advertisement appears elsewhere.

The Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

In the House of Commons on the 6th ult., the Master of Elibank asked the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he could state if any arrangement had been made with the Japanese Government in regard to officers of the British Service being attached to the Japanese forces for the purposes of studying the Military system and language of the country; and, if so, when would the appointment of officers be announced.—Viscount Cranborne.—No such arrangement has been made, but the matter shall not be lost sight of.

Fleets in the Far East.

In the House of Commons on the 6th ult., Mr. Schwann asked the Secretary to the Admiralty what were the numbers of the British, American, and Japanese Fleets in the North of the Gulf of Pechili or thereabouts at the present time, and whether, seeing that the Russians had 57 vessels at Port Arthur, could he state what was the object of this gathering of Fleets.—Mr. Arnold-Forster.—The number of British ships at present in the neighbourhood of the Gulf of Pechili is twelve. The Admiralty is unaware that any special gathering of ships has taken place, or that any special object is aimed at by the Governments responsible for the movement of vessels in Chinese waters.

Death of Whistler.

The death is announced of Mr. James McNeill Whistler, the well-known artist. Mr. Whistler was in his sixty-eighth year; he was born in America and educated at West Point. He had for many years resided in Paris: where he first seriously prosecuted his art studies. His first marked success was in etching, but in later years his portraits, especially those of Carlyle and Samart, secured him wide-spread fame. To the general public, perhaps, he was best known by his somewhat virulent letters to the newspapers, at times attacking men and things with perennially youthful fervour and confidence. 'The Gentle Art of Making Enemies,' published thirteen years ago, is one of his most characteristic productions in this line.

Pickpockets.

Whilst viewing the performance by the Japanese acrobats at the market opposite the market last night, a Chinese gentleman was robbed of his purse, it being taken from his pocket by a man who had just arrived from Canton. When the gentleman missed his purse he grabbed the person next to him and accused him of stealing it. The accused denied the charge, but said he knew the man who did take it. He then pointed out another man, but that person also denied the charge. The property. The owner of the purse then gave the first man in charge, and he was being taken to the Police Station when the second man came up, and, handing the prosecutor the purse, asked him to let the other man go. Both were then detained and were taken to the Police Station and charged with the theft by Inspector Warnock.

A Bible Sea-Story.

Writing in the 'Bible Society Reporter,' Mr. F. T. Bullen, author of 'The Cruise of the Cachalot,' &c., says that 'The Bible contains a sea-story so thrilling, so accurately told, so succinct and yet so full, that it may safely challenge any well-kept log-book to-day. From the twenty-seventh chapter of the Acts of the Apostles any marine court of inquiry in the world could apportion just praise or censure of those in charge of the ship that was wrecked, and underwriters and average adjusters could realise the proportion of loss to be borne. In short, we have here, in the space of an ordinary newspaper column, a classic of the sea, which, in spite of its being written by a landsman, of being translated and re-translated by men naturally ignorant of nautical terms, remains one of the most perfect pieces of nautical description in the world.'

'Are you married?' asked the First Magistrate sternly. 'No, your honour,' responded the man who had been locked up over night for intoxication, 'I got those scratches on my face by falling against a barbed wire fence.'

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

V.R.C. Aquatic Carnival.

The annual aquatic sports at the Victorian Recreation Club have been fixed for September 15, 16 and 17.

The Irish Land Bill.

The Irish Land Bill has passed through Committee and was read for the third time in the House of Commons. Mr. Healy congratulated Mr. Wyndham on the genius, skill and courage he had shown in the conduct of the Bill.

Steamship Subsidies.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that in view of the report of the Commission on Steamship Subsidies the Government were considering the establishment of a direct British line to East Africa.

Mail Subsidies.

A return prepared for the Imperial Government in regard to the steamship subsidies shows the rate of the North German Lloyd subsidy for their East Asia and Australia service is calculated at 5.05 marks (5) per mile, but for the Australian service alone it works out at 6/8. The French subsidy to the Messageries Maritimes for their Australian service amounts to 8/4 a mile. The P. and O. Australian service receives £25,000 a year, or only 2/7 a mile, not as a subsidy at all, but for carrying the mails under contract. For Australian mails put on board French or German ships special payment is made.

Burglars Surprised.

A constable surprised a couple of burglars in Connaught Road about four o'clock this morning. He saw a man standing in front of the door of No. 16, and approached him with the object of ascertaining his business when the man ran away. The constable went to the shop and arrived there just in time to catch a second man coming out of the doorway. He arrested him on a charge of being on the premises for the purpose of committing a felony, and, at the Magistrate's court this morning, Mr. T. Sercombe Smith sentenced him to one month's imprisonment. Inspector Warnock prosecuted.

'Blessed be the Peacemaker.'

The indivisibility of acting as a peacemaker was again demonstrated at the Magistrate's court to-day, when a German foreman at the Jubilee Hospital, Barker Road, told how he had suffered through endeavoring to settle some big trouble between a native painter and a native stonecutter. The painter was painting at the Hospital on July 27 last, and the stonecutter was cutting stone near by. The proximity of the two led to trouble. Stone chips flew on to the newly-painted boards so frequently that the painter grew angry and threatened to settle with the stonecutter if he didn't stop cutting. The latter did not feel disposed to cease his labours, and the result was that the painter took to him with his fists. The foreman stepped in to stop the row, and the painter resented it so much that he picked up the stonecutter's hammer and bolted the foreman on the chest and arm with it, afterwards taking to his heels and disappearing. Information was laid against him, but he could not be found and nothing was seen of him until last night when the German's wife came across him in the street and gave him in charge. He was brought before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistrate's court this morning and was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment for literally hammering the foreman.

The Irony of Fate.

The *Singapore Free Press* of the 27th July reports:—Captain Robert A. Binnis, of the s.s. *Siam*, which arrived here on Saturday from Hongkong, reports that at 7 a.m. on the 22nd instant while in Lat. 8 deg. 45 min. N., Long. 102 deg. 52 min. E., he observed a raft made of bamboo, with two men on it. The *Siam* stood towards the raft, and a boat in charge of the First Mate was lowered and pulled towards it. The two men were taken into the boat and were found to be greatly exhausted, but restoratives were given them and they revived. The two men appeared to be fishermen, and gave Captain Binnis to understand they wished to be landed at Pulo Condore. The *Siam* was accordingly headed for this island, and arrived there at 10.30 a.m. On anchoring, the French Authorities boarded the vessel, and claimed the two men as escaped convicts, whose numbers they gave as 5923 and 5926.—They further informed the captain that a number of convicts had escaped from the island on bamboo rafts, and they could not make out how the rafts were obtained. The rescued men were handed over and the French Officer who received them—replied informed Capt. Binnis that they would be shot at daylight next morning. The French Authorities thanked Captain Binnis for 'capturing' the convicts, and gave \$5 to be distributed amongst the boat's crew.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Viceroy.

The *Times* states it is understood that Lord Curzon will be given the option of a two years' extension of office as Viceroy of India.

The Kolhapore Cup.

In the competition for the Kolhapore Cup at Bisle, Australia scored 771, England 760, Canada 753, and Natal 740. Australia won the cup last year.

The Trade of Canada.

The official figures show a remarkable growth in the trade of Canada which has more than doubled in seven years, the increase being fifty million dollars over the figures for 1886.

The 'Imminent' War.

It is now seventeen days since war between Russia and Japan was started by a Shanghai contemporary to be a matter of days, not weeks. And yet Japan refuses to be 'jockeyed' into war.

Attempting to Bribe an Officer.

The contractor Babu who was charged by Captain Fordyce, Transport-Department, for giving him a diamond ring as a bribe, was convicted at Calcutta. He was fined Rupees 500, or in default three months' rigorous imprisonment.

India Post Office Expansion.

A statement has been published showing the work of the Post Office in India. Last year 589,000,000 letters, parcels, newspapers, and post-cards were carried, which is 30,000,000 more than in the previous year. Unregistered letters numbered nearly 265,000,000, and post-cards nearly 254,000,000. The total increase of postal articles was 5.24 per cent.

The Hon. B. Shawan.

Among the passengers who left for Europe in the *Empress of China* to-day was the Hon. B. Shawan, who goes Home for a short furlough. A dinner was given in his honour in the Club last night, at which the departing guest was most sincerely wished *bon voyage* and a speedy return to the Colony. Mr. Shawan has done good work on the Council, and we have no doubt he will yet render further service to the Colony.

Forthcoming Boxing Competition.

At the City Hall, on Saturday next, at 9 p.m., a twenty-rounds boxing contest between Jack Grace of America v. Sam Newman of Manila is down for decision. This important match ought to prove a great attraction to lovers of the pugilistic art. The management also intimate other four competitions, all of which should be well worth seeing. Further information will be found on reference to our advertising columns on page 5.

Rate-Cutting for Coolie Passengers.

The Chinese dock passenger to and from Bangkok is a more important person than he looks (says the *Bangkok Times*). Individually, he may not amount to much, but in the mass he does a large part of the work of the country, and he is also an important asset for the steamship companies. The starting of the Rickmers line between Bangkok and the China ports has had the immediate effect of bringing about a competition for his patronage between that line and the old established lines that have been carrying him for so many years. The cost of a deck passage for some time back has been about \$12, but within the last few weeks it has come tumbling down to \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4, \$3, and it is said that one large party was shipped to China the other day at the attractive rate of \$0 a head. Who would not go travelling on these terms? There may be a better time coming when a bonus will be paid, but we shouldn't advise prospective deck passengers to wait for it. Meantime, the passage money is small, if a little uncertain, in a sense, and it is to be hoped this will bring about an increased immigration of Chinese coolies.

Theft from the 'Kennebec.'

At the Mixed Court at Shanghai on the 25th July, ten prisoners were brought up on a charge of stealing copper bars from the steamer *Kennebec*. From evidence given by Detective Sergeant Gillman, and a representative of the agents of the ship, it was gathered that nothing had been recovered beyond 17 bars found in a boat alongside. From the eagerness of the two Cantonese who hired the boat for the removal of the bars, it was clear that they were not altogether innocent. With regard to the prisoners who had attempted to 'extort' money from the Cantonese prisoners, the Detective said that they were well-known loafers who had been up before the Court six months ago. The value of the 44 ingots amounted to Tls. 900. This sum could be made good in the following manner, value of bars recovered \$600, wages due to the sailors \$300 and amount paid by the thieves \$380. No evidence forthcoming to prove that the accused boatman was in any way concerned in the theft, and he was therefore dismissed. The two Cantonese prisoners who hired the boat, and the sailors who assisted in the removal of the bars, were each sentenced to receive 200 blows, one month's cage, and six months' imprisonment, while the two loafers guilty of extortion were to suffer 200 blows and one month's cage each.

TELEGRAMS.

[ROUTER'S SERVICE.]
DISASTER AT A CRICKET MATCH.

London, August 2, 1903.
During the progress of a cricket match at Perth, a stand on which 1,500 spectators were assembled suddenly collapsed, resulting in terrible scenes. One person was killed and 150 injured, of whom fifty were conveyed to hospital.

THEIR MAJESTIES' RETURN.

Their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra have arrived at Cowes.

THE SUGAR CONVENTION.

His Majesty the Austrian Emperor will issue, on Tuesday next, an Imperial ordinance abrogating Sugar legislation conflicting with the Brussels Convention.

DONATION TO THE DUBLIN HOSPITALS.

London, August 3, 1903.
Lord Iveagh has given the King £50,000 for distribution among the Dublin hospitals.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.

The King, in an address to the Irish people, says he is deeply touched by the kindness and goodwill of the people shown to the Queen and himself, which exceeded his expectations. He would now eagerly await the fulfilment of the hope of a brighter day dawning for Ireland. This hope depends for its development on self-reliance, co-operation, increase of mutual toleration, and earnest prayers, and means that the national well-being will multiply from year to year.

THE ACCIDENT AT THE PERTH CRICKET MATCH.

No one was killed by the collapse of the stand at Perth, and only fourteen of the injured are detained in hospital.

THE ELECTION OF THE NEW POPE.

The result of the Conclave is indecisive. An attempt was discovered to communicate between a neighbouring house by means of ladders from a mirror.

AUSTRALIA AND COLOURED LABOUR.

Sir Edmund Barton, in reply to an influential deputation urging the repeal of the coloured labour prohibition, said that it was useless to ask for a repeal until the prohibition had been tried, and that he preferred even foreign white to coloured labour.

THE KING'S AMBITION.

London, July 28.
The King, replying to an address at Belfast, said it was his highest ambition to follow in his mother's footsteps and to make the maintenance of peace among the nations his constant aim.

THE SUCCESS OF THE LABOUR PARTY.

The result of the Barnard Castle election is regarded mainly as showing the strength of the Labour Party, but also as a blow at Mr Chamberlain's new policy.

THE PROGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Lord Milner is contemplating an elaborate irrigation scheme for the Transvaal, which will begin with the damming of the Vaal River, if clear evidence can be produced that this latter will be remunerative.

Band at Kowloon Hotel.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and Officers, the Band of the 33rd Barmen Infantry will play the following programme at the Kowloon Hotel, during dinner, on tomorrow evening, (weather permitting):—

Viceroy Chang Chih-tung.

According to the N.-C. Daily News, a Tientsin telegraphic dispatch states that a report has just reached that port from Peking to the effect that, finding the political atmosphere in the capital generally antagonistic to his schemes, while the Empress Dowager has recently also treated him more coldly, Viceroy Chang Chih-tung has been using his best endeavours to get permission to leave Peking for the South.

The Viceroy has succeeded in his desire and it is stated that H.E. will probably be soon ordered to come down to Shanghai to preside over the treaty negotiations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

The seventh ordinary annual meeting of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs Dodwell and Co., Queen's Buildings, this afternoon.

Mr E. S. Wheeler presided, and there were present Messrs E. J. Lilford, E. G. Barrett, T. H. Reid, J. D. Auld, T. Skinner, A. G. Ward, A. Ritchie, J. W. C. Bonnar, and G. R. Edwards (Secretary).

The Chairman asked the meeting to take the report and balance sheet as read. He said that the past year's business was the largest the Company had experienced since its existence.

The sum of \$1000 had been written off the launch, and \$6000 had been added to the reserve fund. This had been done with the idea of placing the affairs of the company on a solid foundation. The dividend was somewhat larger than the Company had been able to pay in the past.

Perhaps the most important thing in a Company such as theirs was the stock, and great care had been taken to have it properly certified and valued. He felt that it was not in the books at any more than its real value. If anyone desired further information he would be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no questions, he moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. Mr Bonnar seconded, and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

On the motion of Messrs Lilford and Reid, Mr W. H. Potts was re-elected auditor at a remuneration of \$100 per annum.

That was all the business.

WILLIAM POWELL LIMITED.

The second ordinary general meeting of William Powell, Ltd., was held at the Company's premises No. 28, Queen's Road Central at noon, to-day. Mr T. H. Reid (Chairman) presided, and there were present Messrs W. Clement Drew (Director), G. Murray Bain, W. H. Gaskell and R. G. Heckford (Manager).

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, as the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some time, with your permission we will take them as read.

Your Directors are pleased to be able to present such a satisfactory report on the past year's working of the Company. On turning to the accounts, you will observe that while recommending a dividend of ten per cent. for the year, we are able to make ample provision for depreciation of stock, etc., and to carry forward to 'New Account' a sum of \$10,000, this being a little in advance of the amount carried forward from the previous year's working. I should like to say with reference to the amount your Directors propose to write off Stock on hand—\$7000—that this amount is necessary in consequence of the depreciation of many articles in which we deal owing to climatic influences, constant changes of fashion, and various other causes—not immediately under our control. By making ample provision in this direction, we bring our Stock on Hand down to a low figure, strengthening our hands for the forthcoming winter season, and, at the same time, consolidating our largest asset. It is satisfactory to note that our net profit for the year is more than represented by our cash assets of some \$30,000. A better profit, I venture to say, cannot be had of the soundness of any trading concern.

With reference to our new premises in course of construction in Des Voeux Road, we have to be in occupation in the early part of next year. There is nothing else to which we wish to direct your attention. I will be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and balance sheet.

Mr G. Murray Bain seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Gaskell, seconded by Mr Bain, Messrs T. H. Reid and W. G. Drew were re-elected directors.

The re-election of Mr W. H. Gaskell as auditor was agreed to on the proposition of Mr Bain, seconded by Mr Drew.

The Chairman intimated that dividend warrants might be had on application.

IMPROVING THE THEATRE.

The most necessary work of improving the Theatre Royal is rapidly nearing completion, and by Monday next, when the Pollard Comedy Company make their first appearance, it should be pretty well up-to-date. Extensive alterations have been made with the object of increasing the comfort of auditors and players alike.

The floor of the stalls has been raised six inches, so as to afford a better view of the stage, and the dress circle has been remodelled. The old unsightly stalls—which did duty as boxes—have been done away with, and the front of the circle has been altered to give all in the chairs a satisfactory sight of any play that might be proceeding. A new iron balustrade also replaces the old wooden one. The acoustic properties have been looked to, and with the object of bettering them ornamental paneling has been placed between the pillars supporting the dome. It is hoped that this improvement will have the effect of confining the voices to the theatre.

On the stage considerable alterations have been made with the object of facilitating the work of the performers. The bridges, for operating the scenes have been changed, and the old grooves which held the scenery in position and the false proscenium have been removed, the former in favour of the more modern ideas of the stage-setting.

Throughout, the theatre has been fitted up with electric light and rows of bulbs have been placed round the dome and the dress circle, also be illuminated with electric light, and altogether the new power should be the means of brightening up the hitherto dull interior of the building, and causing it to be infinitely cooler.

Electric fans have been placed in the top of the dome. Now that electricity is in the building, the authorities should not hesitate about installing fans. Another thing they might do is to place carpet or cushion matting in the aisle, in order to stop the noise when anyone walks about, for with the bare boards, the noise proves most annoying. A stop might be taken, too, to deaden the noise that is caused by the rickety passing on the road-way in front of the building. By putting down a strip of asphalt or wood blocks in Queen's Road that might easily be done.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE JUBILEE ROAD.
To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, 5th August, 1903.
Sir—I think the attention of the Authorities should be called to the disgraceful state of the first two hundred yards or so of the New Jubilee Road.

For some reason, Chinese have been allowed to use it as a stable, and I have frequently seen some 200 cattle tied up on each side of the road, leaving only about a couple of yards in the centre free for traffic. Litter has been laid down for the cattle, and this, with the dung, has formed a festering mass of filth, which in anything like damp weather makes pedestrian or cycle traffic most disagreeable. This part of the road is now broken up into deep holes and ruts, and though I have not personally seen cattle picketed there since Monday last, the filth still remains, and the road should be repaired, presumably at the expense of those responsible for its present condition.

I may add that there seems to be plenty of room for the cattle, and great care has been taken to have it properly certified and valued. He felt that it was not in the books at any more than its real value. If anyone desired further information he would be pleased to answer any questions.

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NEW BRITISH CONSULATE AT WUCHOW.

The Opening Ceremony.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Wuchow, July 31.
Our Consul, Mr Harry Fox, having previously given the community notice that he would be 'At Home' from 5 to 7 p.m. to-day, a number of Chinese officials and Europeans met at the beautiful new Consulate on the hilltop to celebrate the opening of the Consulate. Earlier in the day, officials of the neighbouring city had 'courteously expressed their sympathy with the Consul by sending him presents appropriate to the occasion of a 'house-warming,' and many fire-crackers. Though the presents were politely declined, appreciation of the courtesy was proved by the acceptance of the fire-crackers which were let off later, as the visitors were taking their departure.

The Taoist, Prefect, Magistrate, Brigadier-General, and European guests together partook of refreshments, conversed, and inspected the house and grounds. Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster, R.N., had anchored H. M. river gunboat *Maorhen* directly opposite the Consulate Offices, which are situated on the right bank of the 'Fu River.' A goodly number of our beloved blue jackets, with a maxim gun, had ascended the hill, and gave a display of cutlass and gun drill for our benefit, on the level grass plot over which proudly waved the British flag from its lofty flag-staff.

The weather was fine; the building light, the grounds, and the unique prospect were all much admired. After most of the guests had left, the Consul entertained some friends at dinner. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

THE GARRISON IN SOUTH AFRICA.

India's Share of the Expense.
Calcutta, July 20.—An *Indian Daily News* cable dated London, July 19, says: Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in the House of Commons, condemned the attempt to make India contribute to the maintenance of troops in South Africa. The *Daily Chronicle* describes the proposal, which is attributed to Mr. Chamberlain, as shameful, and says the Liberal party intend to oppose it strongly.

London, July 20.—Lord George Hamilton, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said he was in communication with the Government of India regarding the proposal for charging India with a portion of the cost of the South African troops, but no decision had yet been arrived at.

Lord Ripon, in the House of Lords, protested against the proposal to charge India with part of the cost of the troops in South Africa.

Earl Hardwicke said that 12,500 men will be at the disposal of India and the cost of the same would be £175,000. India was invited to pay a portion; the only alternative was an increase in the garrison of India and then India would have to bear the whole cost.

Lord Selborne said India has got an isolated problem, and must realise that if it were not for the necessity of defending India the military charges falling on Great Britain would be much lower. His Lordship pointed out that India paid only a small contribution to the navy.

Mr. Chamberlain said the effect of relieving India of the cost of the troops in South Africa would be to place troops in South Africa which will be available for service in India, if required.

During the debate in the House of Lords yesterday evening, numerous references were made to the possibilities of an invasion of the Indian frontier and hence the necessity for increasing the power of defence.

Ministerial speeches showed that the actual cost of the new scheme would be £200,000, which it is proposed to charge India with and not £400,000. Nothing will be done except after the fullest consultation with the Government of India.

July 22.—The House of Commons has adopted by 118 against 78 votes a resolution in which Mr. Bradbury is authorising the expenditure of five millions for military works, including the provision of huts, in South Africa.

July 23.—Lord George Hamilton, in reply to Sir Henry Fowler, said that until the opinion of the Indian Government was received there would be no final decision respecting the proposal to charge India with a portion of the cost of the troops in South Africa.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

Tibetan Affairs.

Simla, July 17.—Major Voughtshead has joined Mr. and Mrs. White at Khamba Jong where he has been met by representatives from Kassa. Mr. Parr, of the Chinese Customs is acting as interpreter.

The Elipse Stakes.
Calcutta, July 23.—A London wire to the *Indian Free Press* states that the Elipse Stakes, won by neck after a magnificent struggle for 720 half-mile, was the best race of the season.

Indian Labour in Rhodesia.
London, July 3.—Mr. Chamberlain, in reply to Sir T. D. Dwyer, said the Indian Government was unable to consent to the proposal of the Government of Southern Rhodesia regarding the importation of coloured labour, because the demand for Indian underground labour exceeded the supply.

Cricket.
July 21.—Kent is beaten Hampshire by an innings and 70 runs.

July 22.—Surrey is beaten Somersetshire by 240 runs.

Yorkshire has beaten Nottingham by 164 runs.

Essex has beaten Derbyshire by 232 runs.

Worcestershire is beaten Leicestershire by an innings and 11 runs.

The matches between Gloucestershire and Warwickshire and Lancashire and Middlesex were drawn.

London's Technical School.
The London County Council has agreed to give a yearly contribution of £20,000 towards the cost of maintaining a great technical school in London as foreshadowed by Lord Rosebery in his recent letter to the press. The Council's contribution will be paid when half a million sterling has been subscribed from other sources.

Honorary Colonels.
Simla, July 17.—It is announced that the King has approved of the appointment of distinguished officers to the Indian Army as Honorary Colonels of Native Regiments. Such officers may be appointed to all Cavalry regiments and Infantry battalions in the Indian Army. A Field Marshal or General Officer is to be eligible for appointment to any regiment with which he has had some previous distinguished associations.

Home and Colonial Trade.
London, July 18.—Mr. Ritchie, speaking at the Mansion House, repudiated the charge that he had insufficiently safeguarded the Sinking Fund, and declared that in one year the fund would reach the sum of nine millions, which was unprecedented. He declared that British Consols were still the best and greatest security in the world. He dwelt upon the increasing prosperity of the trade and commerce of Great Britain, and thought all would agree that it rested on those who desired a change of the system under which the country had been so prosperous to show that a change was necessary and desirable.

July 20.—At a meeting of the Empire League this afternoon the Duke of Devonshire, referring to the preferential tariff question, said little advantage could be gained for mixing business and sentiment, and we should tell the Colonies plainly and clearly that if we consented to any considerable changes in our commercial and fiscal arrangements we do so in our own interest and not simply for the purpose of conciliating the Colonies. In such case the Colonies would undoubtedly be called upon to surrender some of their independence.

Smallland.
Simla, July 18.—The Government of India have approved of the employment in Smallland of Honorary Lieutenant Malik Umar Hayat Khan, 18th Bengal Infantry, as Assistant Commandant, 54th Sikh Cavalry Corps.

July 20.—Four Sikh Cavalry Corps from India have now landed at Barbours in capital condition and are commencing work on the lines of communication.

July 21.—At the request of some authorities, the Government of India have taken over the whole of the Ordnance and Supply and Transport arrangements for the troops in Smallland. All British Army Ordnance Department stores and stores of the Indian Army have been removed from India. One British captain and ten British warrant and non-commissioned officers and 227 native agents, clerks, jemadars, duffadars, drivers and artisans, and a great quantity of artillery, baggage, and materials for keeping ten thousand camels and two thousand mules in the field, are being sent from India.

The Plague.
Five cases of plague were reported during the past twenty-four hours—four of them 'dumped.'

'Are you married?' asked the magistrate sternly. 'No, your Honour,' responded the man who had been locked up overnight for intoxication. 'I got these scratches on my face by falling against a barbed wire fence.'

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STEARN'S WINE OF COD LIVER OIL AND ITS VALUE IN NEURALGIA.
Indelible changeable weather brings with it its usual plentiful crop of neuralgic pains—not to speak of colds and chills and influenza cases in abundance. This is the time when strength and vitality must be maintained, and full power of the elements are to be resisted. With a valuable tonic like Stearn's Wine of Cod Liver Oil at our right hand this may be easily effected. The following case will be of interest to many of our readers:—

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It gives me great pleasure to inform you of the great benefit that I have derived from taking Stearn's Wine of Cod Liver Oil. For the past month or two I have felt weary and have not been able to eat, and have suffered very much from neuralgia; but after taking a few doses of the wine I am able to eat, and enjoy a good meal, and the neuralgic pains have become less frequent. I shall recommend it to my friends as a most excellent tonic.

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Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil is delicious, appetizing and very digestible; and whilst assisting in the natural processes of assimilation and nutrition, it imparts the strength which is absolutely essential in order to ward off winter ailments. In insipid consumption, anæmia, and other wasting diseases, Stearn's Wine of Cod Liver Oil is now very generally prescribed by the medical profession. It is a pure, rich, and healthy food, which all the curative elements of cod liver oil are embodied, the oily matter being eliminated. The addition of peptonate of iron adds to its valuable tonic effects.

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THE Steamship GREGORY APGAR, Captain J. G. OLFERT, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 10th August, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to D. SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents. Hongkong, August 5, 1903. 1613

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE Steamship KAUTSCHOU, OF THE HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 6 p.m. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 11th August, will be subject to rent.

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